

Appl. No.: 10/820,244
Amdt. dated January 18, 2006
Reply to Office Action of December 8, 2005

REMARKS

Applicant presents amended claims 8, 18 and 19 and previously presented claim 17 for allowance. Claim 13 is cancelled. Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-16, and 20 are allowed. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 8, 17, 18, and 19 are pending in the present application.

Claims 13, 18, and 19 were identified as containing allowable subject matter. As advised by the Examiner, claim 8 is amended to recite all of the elements of allowable claim 13 and claims 18 and 19 are rewritten in independent form. Claim 17 depends from now-allowable amended claim 8.

Applicant submits that the amended claims are fully compliant with the Examiner's conditions for allowance. The small entity fee for two additional independent claims is enclosed with this response.

For all the foregoing reasons, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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